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SUCCESES BY PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 152

1. MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 15/74
OF MARCH 8 REPORTS FOLLOWING RESULTS OF OPERATIONS BY NATIONAL
FORCES DURING PAST WEEK:

(A) IN OPERATION NORTH OF VILA GOUVEIA (NORTHERN VILA
PERY DISTRICT), NATIONAL FORCES DESTROYED THREE GUERRILLA
REFUGES, KILLED 17 GUERRILLAS, CAPTURED WEAPONS AND OTHER
WAR MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT.

(B) DURING OPERATION "TABUA 2" NORTHEAST OF MUNGARI
(NORTHERN BEIRA DISTRICT), NATIONAL FORCES DESTROYED
GUERRILLA CAMP, KILLED 11 GUERRILLAS AND CAPTURED VARIOUS
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WEAPONS.

(C) IN FURANCUNGO AREA (NORTHERN TETE DISTRICT),
GUERRILLA CAMP WAS DESTROYED, LOSSES WERE INFLICTED AND ONE
SIMONOV RIFLE CAPTURED.

2. COMMUNIQUE REPORTS FOLLOWING GUERRILLA ACTIVITY DURING
SAME PERIOD:

(A) GROUP OF ARMED GUERRILLAS KIDNAPPED TWO SCHOOL
MONITORS SERVING IN GOMBE-GOMBE, 40 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF
MUTARARA.

(B) ANOTHER GROUP OF "BANDITS" ATTACKED CIVILIAN VEHICLE
PROCEEDING ALONE ON HIGHWAY 102 ABOUT 70 KILOMETERS NORTH-
EAST OF VILA PERE, WOUNDING DRIVER, KILLING HIS COMPANION,
AND BURNING THE TRUCK. ARMED FORCES ARE CARRYING OUT A
SEARCH IN THE AREA.

(C) IN NHAMACULA REGION, 50 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF
MARINGOE, BAND OF "TERRORISTS" ATTACKED GROUP OF SAFRIQUE
EMPLOYEES, KILLING ONE AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDING ANOTHER.

3. COMMUNIQUE REPORTS FOLLOWING LOSSES SUFFERED BY NATIONAL
FORCES DURING THIS PERIOD:

(A) DURING OPERATION STILL UNDER LAY - PILOT CAPTAIN
FERNANDO JOSE DOS SANTOS CASTELO WAS KILLED AND 2ND
SERGEANT-MECHANIC VAZ DE CARVALHO WOUNDED WHEN THEIR HELI-
COPTER WAS HIT BY LIGHT GUN FIRE.

(B) ONE GE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER AND SOLDIER WERE
ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED WHILE CROSSING PANDIRA RIVER.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES RECENT PRACTICE OF
MORE FREQUENT AND DETAILED COVERAGE OF WAR ACTIONS, BUT
WE CANNOT YET JUDGE WHAT PROPORTION OF TOTAL ACTIVITY SUCH
COMMUNIQUE REPRESENT. OUR GUESS IS MUCH STILL REMAINS
UNREPORTED.
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